

Commission Order 25: Raptors

RESIDENT FALCONERS - RAPTOR CAPTURE SEASONS

Statewide - As defined in ARS§17-101, excluding wildlife areas not opened for hunting under R12-4-802.

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting, fishing, or trapping under ARS§17-303, 304, or R12-4-301, 801, 802, 803.

Hunt Number	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Raptor	Annual Permits
-	May 1 – Dec 31, 2009, 2010	(1,2,3)	Statewide.	Eyas or passage raptors of the following species: American kestrel, great horned owl, red-tailed hawk, Cooper's hawk, sharp-shinned hawk, prairie falcon.	-
-	Sept 15 – Dec 31, 2009, 2010	(1)	Statewide.	Passage merlins.	-
-	May 1 – Dec 31, 2009, 2010	(1,2,3,4)	Statewide except Yuma and La Paz counties.	Eyas or passage Harris' hawk.	-
-	Jun 1 – Dec 31, 2009, 2010	(1,2,3,4)	Statewide except all Units south of the Gila River.	Eyas or passage northern goshawk.	-
-	Sept 15 – Dec 31, 2009, 2010	(1)	Statewide except all Units north of the Gila River, excluding Units 42, 26M, and 47M.	Passage ferruginous hawk.	-
21,001	May 1 – Aug 15, 2009, 2010	(1,2,4,5)	Statewide.	Eyas or passage peregrine falcon.	5

- Notes:**
1. Class I falconers are limited to capture of passage American kestrels and red-tailed hawks between Sept 15 and Dec 31.
 2. No eyas shall be removed unless 1 (one) or more live eyas raptors remain in the nest (R12-4-422.K.3).
 3. No eyas shall be harvested prior to 25% or after 75% of the average days in the nest.
 3. Harris' hawks, northern goshawks, and peregrine falcons must be banded by Department personnel within five days of capture (R12-4-422.K.6).
 4. Eyas peregrine falcons may only be taken between 18 and 27 days of age in the nest.

Live Bag Limit Only: Class I falconers may obtain one wild caught raptor, and Class II and Class III may obtain two wild caught raptors per 12-month period (R12-4-422.F-H).

Possession Limit: Class I falconers may possess 1 raptor; Class II falconers may possess 2 raptors; Class III falconers may possess 3 raptors (R12-4-422.F-H).

Licenses Required: Any valid hunting or combination license except a Three-Day Hunting (Class H), a Sport Falconry License, and a Federal Falconry License.

Definitions: Eyas and passage raptors - As defined in R12-4-422.A.1, A.3, and A.4.

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-	May 1 – Dec 31, 2009, 2010	(1,2,3)	Statewide.	Eyas or passage raptors of the following species: American kestrel, great horned owl, red-tailed hawk, Cooper's hawk, sharp-shinned hawk, prairie falcon.	-
	Sept 15 – Dec 31, 2009, 2010	(1)	Statewide.	Passage merlins.	
-	Sept 15 – Dec 31, 2009, 2010	(1)	Statewide except all Units north of the Gila River, excluding Units 42, 26M, and 47M.	Passage ferruginous hawk.	-
20,002	Jun 1 – Dec 31, 2009, 2010	(1,2,3)	Statewide except all Units south of the Gila River.	Eyas or passage northern goshawk.	3
21,003	May 1 – Aug 15, 2009, 2010	(1,2,4,5)	Statewide.	Eyas or passage peregrine falcon.	3
22,001	May 1 – Dec 31, 2009, 2010	(1,2,3)	Statewide except Yuma and La Paz counties.	Eyas or passage Harris' hawk.	10

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 2. No eyas shall be removed unless 1 (one) or more live eyas raptors remain in the nest (R12-4-422.K.3).
 3. No eyas shall be harvested prior to 25% or after 75% of the average days in the nest.
 4. Harris' hawks, northern goshawks, and peregrine falcons must be banded by Department personnel within five days of capture (R12-4-422.K.6).
 5. Peregrine falcons may only be taken between 18 and 27 days of age in the nest.

Live Bag Limit Only: Class I falconers may capture one replacement raptor, and Class II and Class III falconers may capture two raptors alive per 12-month period (R12-4-422.F-H).

Possession Limit: Class I falconers may possess 1 raptor; Class II falconers may possess 2 raptors; Class III falconers may possess 3 raptors (R12-4-422.F-H).

Licenses Required: Nonresident Class F or G license, a Falconry License from a Non-Arizona State recognized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as meeting Federal Falconry Standards, and a Federal Falconry License.

Definitions: Eyas and passage raptors - As defined in R12-4-422.A.1, A.3, A.4.

**RESIDENT FALCONER
HUNT APPLICATION PROCEDURES
PEREGRINE FALCON (21,001)**

Capture of peregrine falcons by resident licensed falconers is allowed with a valid Arizona peregrine falcon hunt permit-tag from May 1 – August 15. Only Class II (General) and Class III (Master) falconers are allowed to capture peregrine falcons.

Peregrine falcons must be banded by Department personnel within five days of capture (R12-4-422.K.6). We request that you contact the Department's Regional Falconry Coordinator prior to, or at the start of, your hunt to schedule an appointment for banding.

Five hunt permit tags (total) will be drawn annually (R12-4-114 and R12-4-104). The odds of being drawn are based on the number of applications received.

2009 Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule and Procedure: Applications (Forms 624/390) will be accepted on or after Monday, January 5, 2009 by U.S. Mail only. The deadline for application receipt is Tuesday, February 3, 2009. No applications will be accepted after this date regardless of the postmark. Hunt permit-tags will be mailed by Monday, February 23, 2009. Any unfilled hunt permit tags will be made available on a first-come first-serve basis by U.S. Mail only on Monday, March 2, 2009.

2010 Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule and Procedure: Applications (Forms 624/390) will be accepted on or after Monday, January 4, 2010 by U.S. Mail only. The deadline for application receipt is Tuesday, February 2, 2010. No applications will be accepted after this date regardless of the postmark. Hunt permit-tags will be mailed by Monday, February 22, 2010. Any unfilled hunt permit tags will be made available on a first-come first-serve basis by U.S. Mail only on Monday March 1, 2010.

Use this procedure if you are requesting an Arizona peregrine falcon hunt permit-tag. This procedure does not apply to other raptors that may be legally taken under Commission Order 25. Use Forms 624 and/or 390 (Hunt Permit Application/Application for Hunt License) available at Arizona Game and Fish Department offices or any licensed dealer.

Be sure to: (1) On Form 624, in the box marked FIRST CHOICE HUNT NUMBER write 21,001 for peregrine falcon. (2) Include your Arizona Hunting License Number for year 2009 and/or 2010 as requested, or complete the license request (Form 390) and include the proper fees. **All applicants must have an Arizona Hunting license to be eligible for the draw (R12-4-104). Applicants not drawn will still be issued an Arizona Hunting license.** (3) Fill in your social security number, this is a Federal requirement. A Department I.D. number may also be used to track hunter information including bonus points, but must be obtained before submitting your hunt permit-tag application. (4) Include the application fee with your application. Personal check, certified check, cashier's check or money order must be payable to the Arizona Game and Fish Department. **Cash will not be accepted.** (5) Send the application (Form 624) with a valid license number or a completed license request form (Form 390) with the proper fees in the envelope to P.O. BOX 52002, Phoenix, AZ 85072-2003. (6) Use the correct postage.

Complete and proper preparation of an application is the sole responsibility of the applicant. The Department may assist, but cannot inspect applications or guarantee they are correct.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY U.S. MAIL ONLY BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009 (FOR 2009 PERMITS) OR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010 (FOR 2010 PERMITS) AT THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT, PHOENIX OFFICE.

NONRESIDENT FALCONER HUNT APPLICATION PROCEDURES NORTHERN GOSHAWK (20,002)

Capture of northern goshawks by nonresident licensed falconers is allowed with a valid Arizona northern goshawk hunt permit-tag from June 1 - December 31. Only Class II (General) and Class III (Master) falconers are allowed to capture Northern Goshawks.

Northern goshawks must be banded by Department personnel within five days of capture (R12-4-422.K.6). We request that you contact the Department's Regional Falconry Coordinator prior to, or at the start of, your hunt to schedule an appointment for banding.

Three hunt permit tags (total) will be drawn annually (R12-4-114 and R12-4-104). The odds of being drawn are based on the number of applications received.

2009 Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule and Procedure: Applications (Forms 624/390) will be accepted on or after Monday, January 5, 2009 by U.S. Mail only. The deadline for application receipt is Tuesday, February 3, 2009. No applications will be accepted after this date regardless of the postmark. Hunt permit-tags will be mailed by Monday, February 23, 2009. Any unfilled hunt permit tags will be made available on a first-come first-serve basis by U.S. Mail only on Monday, March 2, 2009.

2010 Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule and Procedure: Applications (Forms 624/390) will be accepted on or after Monday, January 4, 2010 by U.S. Mail only. The deadline for application receipt is Tuesday, February 2, 2010. No applications will be accepted after this date regardless of the postmark. Hunt permit-tags will be mailed by Monday, February 22, 2010. Any unfilled hunt permit tags will be made available on a first-come first-serve basis by U.S. Mail only on Monday March 1, 2010.

Use this procedure if you are requesting an Arizona northern goshawk hunt permit-tag. This procedure does not apply to other raptors that may be legally taken under Commission Order 25. Use Forms 624 and/or 390 (Hunt Permit Application/Application for Hunt License) available at Arizona Game and Fish Department offices or any licensed dealer.

Be sure to: (1) On Form 624, in the box marked FIRST CHOICE HUNT NUMBER write 20,002 for northern goshawk. (2) Include your Arizona Hunting License Number for year 2009 and/or 2010 as requested, or complete the license request (Form 390) and include the proper fees. **All applicants must have an Arizona Hunting license to be eligible for the draw. Applicants not drawn will still be issued an Arizona Hunting license (R12-4-104).** (3) Fill in your social security number, this is a Federal requirement. A Department I.D. number may also be used to track hunter information including bonus points, but must be obtained before submitting your hunt permit-tag application. (4) Include the application fee with your application. Personal check, certified check, cashier's check or money order must be payable to the Arizona Game and Fish Department. **Cash will not be accepted.** (5) Send the application (Form 624) with a valid license number or a completed license request form (Form 390) with the proper fees in the envelope to P.O. BOX 52002, Phoenix, AZ 85072-2003. (6) Use the correct postage.

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Northern goshawk capture is closed in all Game Management Units south of the Gila River.

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**NONRESIDENT FALCONER
HUNT APPLICATION PROCEDURES
HARRIS' HAWK (22,001)**

Capture of Harris' hawks by nonresident licensed falconers is allowed with a valid Arizona Harris' hawk hunt permit-tag from May 1 – December 31. Only Class II (General) and Class III (Master) falconers are allowed to capture Harris' Hawks.

Harris' hawks must be banded by Department personnel within five days of capture (R12-4-422.K.6). We request that you contact the Department's Regional Falconry Coordinator prior to, or at the start of, your hunt to schedule an appointment for banding.

Ten hunt permit tags (total) will be drawn annually (R12-4-114 and R12-4-104). The odds of being drawn are based on the number of applications received.

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Use this procedure only to request an Arizona Harris' hawk hunt permit-tag. This procedure does not apply to other raptors that may be legally taken under Commission Order 25. Use Forms 624 and/or 390 (Hunt Permit Application/Application for Hunt License) available at Arizona Game and Fish Department offices or any licensed dealer.

Be sure to: (1) On Form 624, in the box marked FIRST CHOICE HUNT NUMBER write 22,001 for Harris hawks. (2) Include your Arizona Hunting License Number for year 2009, and/or 2010 as requested, or complete the license request (Form 390) and include the proper fees for the license/s requested. **All applicants must have an Arizona Hunting license to be eligible for the draw (R12-4-104). Applicants not drawn will still be issued an Arizona Hunting license.** (3) Fill in your social security number, this is a Federal requirement. A Department I.D. number may also be used to track hunter information including bonus points, but must be obtained before submitting your hunt permit-tag application. (4) Include the application fee with your application. Personal check, certified check, cashier's check or money order must be payable to the Arizona Game and Fish Department. **Cash will not be accepted.** (5) Send the application (Form 624) with a valid license number or a completed license request form (Form 390) with the proper fees in the envelope to P.O. BOX 52002, Phoenix, AZ 85072-2003. (6) Use the correct postage.

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Harris' hawk capture is open in all Game Management Units except those in Yuma and La Paz counties.

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